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Amdt. Dated February 23, 2009
Reply to Office Action of January 21, 2009

•••REMARKS/ARGUMENTS•••

By the present amendment, the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 3 have been incorporated into independent claim 1.

Entry of the changes to the claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action the Examiner has taken the position that application includes claims directed to six (6) patentably distinct inventions.

The Examiner has identified the different inventions as follows:

Group I, claims 1-3 and 13, drawn to a UV-resistant molecular sieve based host-guest nanocomposition;

Group II, claim 4-8, drawn to a method of producing a UV-resistant material;

Group III, claim 9, drawn to a cosmetic composition;

Group IV, claim 10, drawn to a coating composition;

Group V, claim 11, drawn to a rubber composition; and

Group VI, claim 12, drawn to a plastic composition.

On page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner states:

The inventions listed as Groups I-VI do not relate to a single general invention concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: a molecular sieve based host-guest nanocomposition of Group I is known in the art and therefore the inventions lack a common special technical feature. Kustov et al. (6388145) teaches a ZSM-5 zeolite that has been impregnated with ZnO (column 2, lines 20-31), and as the material meets the requirements of the claims it would necessary follow that the material is UV-resistant.

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By the present amendment, the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 3 have been incorporated into independent claim 1.

Based upon this amendment, the inventions of Groups I-VI should belong to a single invention concept under PCT Rule 13.1, because the material according to amended claim 1 is not disclosed by Kustov et al., and the material itself can be deemed as having a "special technical feature" for each of the pending claims.

The Examiner is therefore, respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement and examine all the claims in the present application.

Notwithstanding applicants' traversal of the Restriction Requirement as set forth above, in order to be fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement, applicants elect to have claims 1 and 13 examined in the present application. This election is being made with traverse for the reasons stated above.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested.

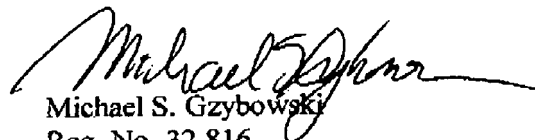
If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remains outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of

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time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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